Act, 2006 all institutions have to expand capacity to implement reservation for the SC(15%), the ST (7.5%) and the OBCs (27%) without reducing the number of seats available to the unreserved category over a maximum period of three years.

Review of SSA on CAG report

2151. SHRI DARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the backdrop of CAG report on ineffectiveness of Sarva Shiksa Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal Scheme by the Centre and State Governments, Hon'ble PM reviewed its flagship education sector programme on 22nd September, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to implement the scheme effectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Programmes of Government of India were reviewed by the Prime Minister on 22.09.2006 as they are important flagship programmes of the country.

(b) and (c) Some of the key suggestions made in the meeting were to disseminate good practices across States in the Country; develop mechanisms for ranking of States/ UTs on progress achieved; and discuss in the National Development Council to develop consensus on these flagship programmes of the Government.

Recognition of B.Ed/M. Ed courses

2152. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the procedure for getting the B.Ed/M.Ed courses recognized in the States;

(b) whether any No Objection Certificate is required for the concerned State for getting the recognition of B.Ed/MEd. Colleges;